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- 1. AFGHANISTAN WILL BE REPPESENTED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION BY ITS DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER MR WAHEED ABDULLAH. ABDULLAH IS LEAVING AFGHANISTAN AUGUST 18TH FOR MOSCOW, AND WILL TRAVEL TO PARIS ON AUGUST 21ST. HEFWILL THEN TRAVEL ON TO LIMA ON 22ND OR 23RD VIA A BRIEF STOP IN BRAZIL. ABDULLAH PLANS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION O/A AUGUST 30TH.
- 2. MR ABDULLAH WHO HAS TITLE OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IS FOREIGN MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN IN EVERYTHING BUT TITLE (WHICH CONTINUES TO BE HELD BY PRESIDENT DAOUD). THE EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT MR ABDULLAH BE SCHEDULED FOR A BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK. SUCH A MEETING IS IMPORTANT TO THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CORDIAL AND CANDID BILATERAL DEALINGS AND IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP MR ABDULLAH FEELS HE HAS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KABUL IN NOVEMBER 1974. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. THE MAIN ISSUE ABDULLAH WILL RAISE IF A MEETING CAN BE SECHEDULED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE AFGHA/PAKISTAN RELATIONS. NEA/PAB FAMILIAR WITH SUBSTANCE OF WHAT ABDULLAH LIKELY TO SAY AND RESPONSE THAT SHOULD BE MADE.
- 4. BILATERAL MEETING ALSO WOULD GIVE SECRETARY KISSINGER AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS U.S. VIEWS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE -- ESPECIALLY ON THE UNGA -- TO ONE OF THE MORE VOLUBLE AND INCREASINGLY WELL-TRAVELLED FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE THIRS WORLD. CONSIDERING ABDULLAH'S EXTREMELY HIGH PERSONAL REGARD FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A BILATERAL MEETING WOULD PLAY SOME ROLE IN INFLUENCING AFGHANISTAN'S POSTURE VIS-A-VIS "BLOC VOTING", THE CAMPAIGN TO EXPEL ISRAEL AND THE KOREAN ISSUE.
- 5. EMBASSY KABUL DOES NOT EXPECT PRESIDENT DAOUD TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OR THE REGULAR UNGA SESSION.
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